Can't Play Summer and Winter, Too

Soccer Players May Have to Pick Season

By JIM TAYLOR

Victoria soccer players may soon be faced with the choice of playing winter or summer soccer. If a proposal by the B.C. Soccer Commission goes through, they may not be able to play both.

Officials of the BCSC have been granted permission by the Canadian Soccer Football Association to set up a unique "double signing" system to assume complete control over player movements. Purpose would be to prevent players from playing soccer all year around and therefore, according to the BCSC, becoming stale and lowering the calibre of the game.

At the moment, the plan is only in the formative stage, but the possible ramifications of such a move, already agreed to in principle by the Mainland Soccer League, have Victoria officials more than slightly worried.

Final decision will be made within a week or 10 days, when BCSC officials meet with representatives of the Victoria and District Football League, the Pacific Coast Summer Soccer League, and the Mainland Soccer League.

Boiled down, the proposed regulation would mean that players would have to decide whether they wanted to play in the summer soccer league or in their own district league. The rule would apparently not go into effect until the PCSSL season, which opens April 18, is over. In that case, players on the summer league teams would have to stay out of the district leagues next winter if they wanted to play summer soccer again next year.

Frank Bain, secretary of the B.C. Soccer Commission, explained the reasoning behind the proposal in a telephone interview with The Colonist from Vancouver last night.

"Things are different here in B.C., where we play soccer the whole year. The year has been divided into two seasons, April 1 to Aug. 31 for the summer league and Sept. 1 to March 31 for the district leagues. We don't feel that players can take part in both leagues and still play their best brand of soccer. That's the big reason for the proposal."

"There is always the possibility that Victoria players in the summer league wouldn't be allowed to play district soccer. There might also be the chance that the rule would be made allowing an exception to Victoria. It's all very tentative and nothing definite can be said until after the meeting."

The move, of course, is aimed at keeping the soccer in the summer league, which attracts the city's top players, at the highest possible level. The question is, what happens to the district leagues?

Victoria officials find themselves in a strange position in trying to make a stand on the matter, since all of the executive members of the district league are also directors of the new Evcoes entry in the summer league. Ed Viggers, president of the district league, said last night that a meeting will be held soon to consider the situation.

"You have to consider both sides of it," Viggers stated. "The summer league is naturally going to be the top league, and the youngsters coming up should have something to shoot at. But it will take the starch right out of our district league if the top players in it decide to play summer soccer. On the other hand, Evcoes may lose good players because they prefer to stick to their old district teams.

"We're against it now, because it would shake things up, but there are a lot of kids coming up to senior competition and in a couple of years the district league would be as good as ever."

Goaltenders Key Players On All Clubs

All four coaches in the Stanley Cup playoffs agree on one thing—goaltenders are going to provide the key as teams move into tonight's second games in best-of-seven semi-finals.

At Montreal, it will be wandering Jacques Plante of Montreal against Chicago's Glenn Hall. Canadiens won the first game Tuesday, 4-2, but although the Hawks were a lack-lustre club, Hall almost stopped them by himself with spectacular netminding.

At Boston, veteran Harry Lumley tries to duplicate his outstanding chore of Tuesday, when Boston trounced Maple Leafs, 5-1. His opposite number will be Johnny Bower.

ONLY 50-50

Victory apparently didn't do much to impress Boston general manager Lynn Patrick, who would only say yesterday that the Bruins have "a little better than a 50-50 chance of beating Toronto."

Bruins planned nothing special for the Leafs tonight, but Toronto apparently plans to stick to its tight checking tactics. Leafs held a 90-minute workout yesterday with veteran Bert Olmstead the only absentee. He suffered a bruised thigh but is expected to be ready tonight.

Coach Toe Blake of Montreal indiacted that he may use Bernie Geoffrion on a line tonight with Ralph Backstrom and Ab McDonald, freeing Don Marshall for spot duty where needed. Georffrion is apparently completely recovered from strained stomach muscles which have kept him out of the lineup.

Chicago came out of the game in good shape, but the Canadiens may have lost centre Phil Goyette for one game with a gashed ankle.

BIG TASK

Chicago's Rudy Pilous plans to put Glen Skov, Lorne Ferguson and Earl Balfour to the task of checking Montreal's top line of Dickie Moore, Jean Beliveau and Marcel Bonin as they did Tuesday. On Tuesday, while they were watching Moore and Beliveau, Bonin scored twice.

Rugged Reception for Bower

Goalie Johnny Bower got a rugged reception at Boston Gardens Tuesday night when his Toronto Maple Leafs took a 5-1 pasting from the Bruins in the opening game of best-of-seven Stanley Cup semi-finals. Leafs try to square the series at Boston tonight. Here Bower gets a faceful of spray while blocking a shot by Vic Stasiuk. At centre is Leafs' Barry Cullen.

All-Stars Feature Soccer Jamboree

It's true that the annual game between the Colonist and Times all-stars is the highlight of this weekend's juvenile soccer tournament, but it certainly isn't the only match worth seeing.

Les Isaacson, president of the Lower Island Junior and Juvenile Soccer Association, announced the complete program for the Friday and Saturday show at Royal Athletic Park. Included on the list are three Lower Island cup finals and one league championship match, as well as eight exhibitions and four knockout cup games.

Friday's activity starts off at 9 a.m., when Central Flyers and Eagles of Div. III play an exhibition and Reynolds and Viscounts of Div. VII meet in knockout cup competition.

At 10 a.m., ANAF Vets and Britannia Legion play for the league championship of Div. IV, while Evening Optimists of Div. VII and Victoria Tire of Div. VI play an exhibition.

Post Office plays Windsor in knockout action in Div. VI at 11 a.m.; Oak Bay Optimists tangle with Esquimalt Legion in a Lower Island Cup final for Div. VI at 11.10; Reynolds and PE 91 of Div. V play an exhibition at noon, and Optimists and Eagles of Div. I meet in another Lower Island final at 12.10.

TWO FIELDS

Two fields will be used simultaneously for the games, with the feature Times-Colonist match for the Tony Hope Memorial Trophy at 2.30 Friday.

Feature game of Saturday's half of the show is between Canadian and European members of the Victoria and District Football League at 2.30.

At 9 Saturday morning, Eagles and ANAF Vets of Div. IV meet in an exhibition and Bullen and Lansdowne of Div. 7 play a knockout match. Esquimalt Lions play Hampton Eagles of Div. V at 10 and Eagles and Colwood Pharmacy of Div. III clash at 10.15 in exhibitions.

Evening Optimists play Majestic Royals in a Div. VI knockout game at 11, with Heaneys of Div. II playing Optimists of Div. I in an exhibition at 11.30. A Div. V exhibition between Optimists and Thistles is slated for noon, followed by the Div. 7 Lower Island Cup final between Gyros and Hampton Eagles at 12.45.

Nationals Knot Pro Cage Playoff

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — The stubborn Syracuse Nationals fought to a 119-107 victory over the Boston Celtics Wednesday night and evened the Eastern division playoffs in the National Basketball Association at two games each.

The Nats, sparked by big Dolph Schayes, Bob Hopkins and Larry Costello, surged in the final period after the Celtics repeatedly had chopped away Syracuse leads in the early going.

The best of seven series shifts to Boston Saturday where the Celtics twice scored by heavy margins. The teams then play in Syracuse Sunday.

The winner of the series will face the Western division victor for the NBA championship. St. Louis leads Minneapolis, 2-1 with the fourth game tonight.

Schayes was the big man for Syracuse, scoring 28 points, including 19 in the first half.

Frank Ramsey netted 29 for the Celtics before fouling out late in the fourth quarter.

The Nats lost Costello and scrappy Al Bianchi on fouls. They also lost the club president, Dan Biasone. Referee Arnold Heft ordered Biasone from the Nat's bench when the executive objected to one of his calls.

Syracuse, deadly at the foul line, built up an 11-point lead in the second quarter and led by nine points at halftime, 62-53.

Big Bill Russell, the six-foot 10-inch centre, was tremendous on defence for Boston. His 16 points kept the Celtics going in the first half. He finished with 20.

'Toothpick' Jones Traded to Giants

San Francisco Giants, moving to get the pitching they feel they need to become a contender for the National League pennant, yesterday picked up Sam "Toothpick" Jones from St. Louis Cardinals.

To get Jones, the league's strikeout king last year with 225, the Giants gave up first-baseman-outfielder Bill White and third-baseman Ray Jablonski, Don Choate, a righthander on the roster of the Cards' Omaha farm team, was sent to Giants' Phoenix affiliate in the Pacific Coast League as part of the deal.

Jones, 34, and White, 25, were the key players in the deal. Addition of Jones ended Giants' long search for a fourth starter to go along with Johnny Antonelli, Jack Sanford and Mike McCormick. Jones was the big winner for the Cards last year with a 14-13 record and a 2.88 earned run average.

White hit .241 in 29 games in 1958 after returning from the army. He hit 22 homers and batted .256 as the Giants' regular first-baseman in 1956. St. Louis general-manager Bing Devine said he believes White will hit 18 to 25 homers this year.

IMPORTANT DEAL

Giant manager Bill Rigney called the acquisition of Jones the most important deal for his club since acquiring Antonelli from Milwaukee Braves in 1954.

Jablonski, 33, hit .230 in 86 games last year. He is reputed to be a power hitter and poor fielder. He played for the Cards in 1953 and 1954, batting in more than 100 runs each year. Choate, 20, was 12-11 last season.

Yesterday's Grapefruit League scores:

Philadelphia ..... 000 010 300—4 8 0
Detroit ..... 010 000 020—3 5 1
Cardwell, Owens (7) and Lopata, Thomas (7); **Bunning**, Raugh (8), Spencer (9) and Wilson. Home runs: Philadelphia—Post, Bouchee; Detroit—Harris, Chrisley.

St. Louis ..... 000 100 000—1 5 1
Cincinnati ..... 001 101 10x—4 9 2
G. Blaylock, Kellner (8) and Green; Pena and Bailey. Home run: Cincinnati—Robinson.

Chicago (A) ..... 103 000 000—4 7 3
Pittsburgh ..... 000 002 000—2 7 1
Wynn, Donovan (6) and Battey; Friend and Hall.

New York ..... 000 100 001—2 6 0
Kansas City ..... 200 010 00x—3 8 0
Ditmar, Freeman (7) and Howard; Garver, Meyer (6), Brunet (7) and House.

Milwaukee ..... 030 010 202—8 14 0
Los Angeles ..... 300 000 100—4 8 1
Hartman, Jay (7) and Crandall; Podres, Labine (6), Harris (8) and Pignatano. Home runs: Milwaukee—Crandall, Aaron; Los Angeles—Hodges.

Baltimore ..... 000 000 010—1 8 0
Washington ..... 000 101 30x—5 10 0
Stock, Brown (7), Scheel (8) and Ginsberg; Stobbs and Korcheck. Home run: Washington—Allison.

San Francisco ..... 012 010 310—9 13 1
Boston ..... 002 001 001—4 10 2
Antonelli, Giel (6), Muffett (9) and Landrith; **Brewer**, Kiely (8) and H. Sullivan.

Chicago (N) ..... 003 210 000—6 9 3
Cleveland ..... 002 001 000—3 7 0
Anderson, Buzhardt (8) and Neeman; **Stigman**, Brodowski (5), Striker (8) and Nixon. Home runs: Chicago—Walls, Averill, Thompson; Cleveland—Colavito.

LEIGH WINS REPLAY

LONDON (Reuters)—Leigh defeated Salford 6-4 Wednesday in a Rugby League Cup third-round replay. Leigh will meet Wigan in the semi-final.

Hockey Scores

QUEBEC LEAGUE
Montreal 2, Trois-Rivieres 3.
(First game three-team, round-robin final.)
EASTERN LEAGUE
Johnstown 3, Clinton 1.
(First game best-of-seven series.)
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Troy 4, Indianapolis 5.
Toledo 1, Louisville 4.
B.C. SENIOR
Nelson 4, Vernon 5.
(Nelson leads best-of-seven final, 2-1.)
ONTARIO SENIOR
Kingston 2, Whitby 6.
(Whitby leads best-of-seven final, 3-0.)
Kitchener 3, Abitibi 3.
(Kitchener leads best-of-five semi-final, 2-0, one tie.)
MEMORIAL CUP
Pembroke 5, Quebec 8.
(First game best-of-three quarter-final.)

Assault Charge Laid Against Hockey Ref

EDMONTON (CP)—Referee Vern Buffey was charged Wednesday with assault causing bodily harm as a result of an incident following Tuesday night's Western Hockey League playoff game here between Edmonton Flyers and Winnipeg Warriors. The charge was laid by a fan named Terry Saville.

Saville, treated in a dressing room at the Edmonton Gardens for a cut lip, told reporters he was punched by Buffey when he remarked to the referee: "You boobed on that one, didn't you, Buffey?"

The incident occurred as the referee was leaving the ice at the end of the game, won 3-2 by Warriors.

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Speaking Briefly

Patrick Denies 'Goat' Label Hung on Gump Worsley

General manager Muzz Patrick yesterday heatedly denied blaming goalie Lorne "Gump" Worsley for the failure of New York Rangers to make the National Hockey League playoffs.

"It's not true that I blamed Worsley," he said in a statement. "I never singled out any player for such criticism and it's certainly unfair to put the onus on Worsley under these circumstances."

Rangers lost their chance to make the playoffs Sunday when they were defeated by Montreal Canadiens. Patrick was quoted the next day as saying that if one player could be singled out for the Rangers' failure, it was Worsley.

"The Gumper has been one of the top goalies in the NHL for the last few years," Patrick stated yesterday. "And he's going to be tough to dislodge from that spot next season."

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HAMILTON CYO MONTCLAIRS walloped Vancouver YMCA 69-53 in Hamilton last night to sweep their best-of-five Canadian junior men's basketball final in straight games. Other scores were 74-62 and 52-46 . . . **J. Norman Lewis,** who become the legal representative for major league baseball players in a controversial move six years ago, was fired yesterday at a meeting of representatives of the 16 teams, led by Philadelphia's **Robin Roberts.** Lewis, however, insisted that "this is not my exit from baseball." Two moves—the attempt to gain a pension plan for International League players and a resulting threat of court action against baseball when it didn't work—led to his dismissal . . . Coach **Hamp Pool** of Toronto Argos said yesterday his team is negotiating with Saskatchewan Roughriders to purchase fullback **Cookie Gilchrist,** who is apparently anxious to return to eastern Canada.

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ANDY BATHGATE, who has hinted lately that he may quit New York Rangers hockey club and turn to pro golf because of bad knees, yesterday cancelled plans to have his right knee operated on again . . . **Rev. Les Costello,** 31, former Toronto Maple Leaf star, says he will play with Abitibi Eskimos in their all-Ontario senior hockey playoff against Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen if he can be spared from his church duties . . . B.C. amateur wrestling championships will be held in Vancouver Saturday with entries from Esquimalt, Quesnel, Kelowna, Trail and Vancouver . . . The Western Canada fivepin championships open in Vancouver tomorrow . . . Members of the Quebec Hockey League all-star team are defenceman **Georges Roy,** left winger **Jacques Locas,** centre **Greig Hicks** and right winger **Jacques Gagnon** of Chicoutimi Saguenéens, and goalie **Claude Pronovost** and defenceman **Jacques Deslauriers** of Montreal Royals.

BALLYMENA WINS

LONDON (Reuters)—Ballymena defeated Coleraine 4-2 Wednesday in an Irish League soccer game.

Browne-Cave Tennis Head

Will Browne-Cave was elected director of the tennis committee of the Victoria Lawn Tennis and Badminton Club last night at the Amphion Street Hall.

The committee will be in charge of all arrangements for tennis play and tournaments this summer.

Named to the executive were Ray Aldeguer, George Bishop, Kenneth Cox, Don Duncan, Elsie Cooley, Jean Harrison, Vivien Wilkinson and Joy Wasson.

Burgess Romps Home Legion Race Winner

Tom Burgess has done it again.

The slim, seventeen-year-old star of Victoria High's cross-country team won the annual Canadian Legion five-mile race with a good 300-yard lead over his nearest follower. Burgess' time of 31.51 is a new record for the course.

Competition in the run was not as keen as expected, as only 17 out of an entry of over 50 started the race. Burgess found a tough opponent in his own former team-mate John Cliff, who set the pace at the beginning of the run for almost a mile, only to end a close fifth.

Trailing Burgess in the gruelling run was John Valiant, who ended about a fifth of a mile behind him to take second place. Runners from Victoria High School took the first seven places in the race.

An unsung hero in yesterday's marathon was Earl Speakman, a plucky 14-year-old runner from North Saanich High School who was well up in the van throughout most of the run only to drop back near the finish to end a heartbreaking 16th.

How they finished: Burgess, VHS; Valiant, VHS; Jackson, VHS; MacDonald, VHS; Cliff, VHS; Robertson, VHS; Lincoln, VHS; Jensen, VHS; Wonnenberg, Navy; Carlsen, VHS.

TV Puck Fans Get Rich Diet

Victoria hockey fans will be able to see all games in the Stanley Cup final and some crucial semi-final games over CHEK-TV, channel 6.

Officials of the Victoria station announced yesterday that they will pick up all games in the best-of-seven final via the CBC network.

When the semi-finals reach the stage where they can be won in one game, that game will be televised. That is, if one team leads the best-of-seven semi-final, 3-0, the fourth game will be telecast. If that game doesn't decide the series, the ensuing games will also be telecast.

The regular Saturday night game from Toronto will be televised however.

CBC officials have yet to decide which series, Boston-Toronto or Montreal-Chicago, will be telecast on nights when they coincide.

Mel Chapman Eliminated

QUEBEC — Victoria's Mel Chapman was eliminated from the championship rounds of the men's singles and doubles and mixed doubles here yesterday in opening play of the annual Canadian badminton championships.

Chapman lost to Jim Carnwath, runner-up in last year's final, 15-5, 15-7, in singles. Earlier Chapman had defeated John Bracken of Winnipeg, 15-11, 15-9.

Chapman and Finn Stender of Toronto defeated Gaston Gilbert and Jean Paul Havard of Quebec City, 15-1, 15-2, in men's doubles, but lost 15-6, 15-12 to last year's Canadian junior singles champion, Ed Hreljac and Harold Moody.

Chemainus Bowlers In Oregon Tourney

CHEMAINUS — The Chemainus Horseshoe Bay Inn-sponsored men's bowling team will journey to Albany, Ore., today to take part in the all-state bowling event.

Members of the team are Cecil Loughton, Don Arney, Carl Grzech and John Robinson (spare), all of Chemainus. Harris Hadden of Saltair, and Sid Norman of Cedar district.

Disputed Goal Wins For Vernon

VERNON (CP)—Merv Bidoski's disputed goal one second before the end of the game gave Vernon Canadians a narrow 5-4 victory over Nelson Maple Leafs Wednesday night before 1,650 fans here.

Nelson leads the best-of-seven Savage Cup series, 2-1. The winners represent the province in the Allan Cup playoffs. The next game is here tonight.

Nelson coach Ollie Dorohoy vainly argued with game officials that Bidoski's second, and winning, goal was scored after the final whistle. He was overruled. Dorohoy said he would file a protest with the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association.

Bidoski's two goals was high for Canadians with Frank King, Jim Moro and Art Hart adding one each. Lee Hyssop scored twice to pace the Leafs and Carl Forester and Wayne Hicks got one each.

Twelve Rinks In Carspiel Final Round

SWIFT CURRENT, Sask. (CP) — Another four rinks qualified Wednesday for double knockout play leading to the cars, bringing to 12 the number of qualifiers for the No. 1 event at the Swift Current annual bonspiel.

Qualifying were Dr. Hewitt of Carlyle, Gordon Grimes of Eston, Sask., Bob Hoff of Weyburn, Sask., and Maxwell of Swift Current.

Earlier qualifiers were Matt Baldwin and Lionel Wood of Edmonton, Hal Worth, Elmer McNiven and Jim Hill, all of Delisle, Sask., Truman Bailey of Moose Jaw, Gordon Brown of Regina and Gord Maser of Medicine Hat.

Mrs. K. S. Lawson Wilson Winner

Mrs. K. S. Lawson won the Rev. W. G. Wilson Thophy Tuesday with a net score of 80-7—73 in a ladies' medal round at Uplands Golf Club. Runner-up was Mrs. M. J. Whyte, 92-17—75.

Last round of the Darcus Cup competition was also played yesterday. Mrs. G. M. Coxworth emerged as low net winner of the three-round competition with 224, 12 strokes better than runner-up Mrs. G. R. Ford.

St. Mary's Wins

RICHMOND, England (Reuters)—St. Mary's Hospital beat St. Bartholomew's 6-0 Wednesday in the replay of the Hospitals Cup Rugby Union final here.

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